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FM AMEMBASSY BANGKOK

TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 2752

INFO AMCONSUL CALCUTTA

AMEMBASSY MANILA

AMEMBASSY NEW DELHI

AMEMBASSY RANGOON

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SUBJECT: CIVAIR HIJACKING -- PAL DOMESTIC FLIGHT 181

REF: KUALA LUMPUR 2047

1. THE HIGHJACKED PHILIPPINE AIRLINE BAC 111 LANDED AT BANGKOK'S DON MUANG AIRPORT AT 11:45 A.M. (0445 GMT). AS OF PRESENT TIME PLANE STILL ON GROUND.

2. ACCORDING TO THE POLICE, MAIN REASONS FOR DIFFICULTY ARE THE FATIGUE OF THE CREW AND THE POOR CONDITION OF THE TIRES. BANGKOK CLAIMS NOT TO HAVE REPLACEMENT TIRES THAT WOULD FIT CRAFT. PLANE HAS NOT RECEIVED CLEARANCE TO OVERFLY BURMA. ALSO ACCORDING TO POLICE CARETAKER FOREIGN MINISTER CHATCHAI CHUNHAWAN IS AT THE AIRPORT. CHATCHAI'S PRESENCE HAS NOT BEEN MENTIONED IN ANY OF THE PRESS STORIES THAT WE HAVE SEEN. CHATCHAI WAS ONE OF THE HEROES OF THE SUCCESSFUL HANDLING OF THE TERRORISTS

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WHO OCCUPIED THE ISRAELI EMBASSY IN BANGKOK IN 1972 AND

MAY BE ATTEMPTING TO RELIVE HIS DAY OF GLORY.

3. EMBASSY WILL KEEP WASHINGTON INFORMED OF DEVELOPMENTS
IN THIS SITUATION.
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